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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Coordination, Operation and Policy Staff

SUBJECT: Permanent Watch Committee

REFERENCE: Memorandum of 15 September from Chief, COAPS to Chief, A/C and AD/ORE, subject same as above

1. The Joint Intelligence Indications Committee, mentioned in reference memorandum, is a purely inter-service committee. State and CIA officials attend the meetings only as observers. It is considered that this attempt by the military services to tie together the intelligence produced by each separately should be encouraged by CIA. It is believed that there is very little duplication of effort involved, inasmuch as the Joint Intelligence Indications Committee tends to integrate the military aspects of intelligence on a broad basis whereas the Watch Committee considers indications of Soviet intentions in all fields of intelligence. Any apparent overshadowing of the Watch Committee by the Joint Intelligence Indications Committee may be countered best by strengthening the Watch Committee.

2. Therefore, it is recommended that no action be taken at this time with regard to the Joint Intelligence Indications Committee, but rather that pressure be put on those agencies requesting minor changes in the Watch Committee "Charter" to accept that "Charter" in toto.

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